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REF A ROME 6772; B MALMGREN-ELY MAY 16 TELECON

1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REF B TELECON, EMBOFF CONTACTED
MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP CALAMIA (DIRECTOR, EC-GATT
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AFFARIS) AND PASSED ON PRICE INFORMATION RE US VIRGINIA

(BRIGHT) AND BURLEY EXPORTS TO EC. CALAMIA WAS TOLD THAT DURING 1972-73, AVERAGE PRICE OF US EXPORTS TO UK OF VIRGINIA (BRIGHT) WERE \$1.46/LB AND OF BURLEY \$1.65/LB AND FOR US EXPORTS TO SIX DURING SAME PERIOD BURLEY PRICES AVERAGED 10 CENTS/LB MORE THAN FOR VIRGINIA (BRIGHT). EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT DATA PROVIDE SOLID BASIS FOR US REQUEST ON BOTH VIRGINIA (BRIGHT) AND BURLEY AND THAT US BURLEY IS ONLY BURLEY WHICH FACES 280 UA THRESHOLD PROBLEM AS OTHERS ARE MUCH LOWER IN QUALITY AND PRICE. EMBOFF REQUESTED THIS PRICE INFO BE RELAYED TO BRUSSELS SO IT COULD BE FACTORED INTO PERM REPS DISCUSSIONS.

2. CALAMIA AGAIN STRESSED DIFFICULTY FOR EC IN CREATING SPECIAL TARIFF CATEGORY FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF TOBACCO ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REF A.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT, IF EC HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE SPECIAL EX-OUTS FOR OTHER CXT ITEMS ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, IT BE REMINDED OF THIS FACT. WE DOUBT THAT "INTEGRITY OF CXT" IS REAL REASON FOR RESISTANCE TO INCLUDING BURLEY AND WOULD LIKE SOME MATERIAL WHICH WE COULD USE TO SHOOT DOWN THIS PARTICULAR ARGUMENT. VOLPE

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